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# Rapid River News!

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From LRBOI.



(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied to the Ogema concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business.

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## Hunters, fishers and gatherers

We invite you to send us your 2010 hunting, fishing and gathering success pictures via Email, Post Office or to simply drop them off at the department. You are also welcome to add a story which may also make its way to the Currents if you'd like. We add all submissions to our Wall of successful hunters, fishers and gathers and would proudly like to add yours.

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Manistee, MI 49660

## Reburial

On Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup>, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians respectfully reburied ancestral remains and the items that were removed from the same place. These are the Grand Rapids Public Museum, Grand Valley State University, Western Michigan University collections. All materials were returned to earth with our apology and promise at the Tribal Cemetery Bimaadiziwin located in Custer, MI. Access is from the Riverside Cemetery south of Custer. The reburial process began at 10:33 and a meal followed at the Aki Maadiziwin Community Center on Dontz Road.

## LRBOI receives Chamber of Commerce Award!

The tribal government received an award as the Business of the Year for 2010 from the Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce at the annual Chamber Dinner. The dinner, which was held at the Casino also recognized Blarney Castle who shared the award with the tribe. Blarney Castle is the supplier of fuel to the Trading Post and they are also major supporters of events and groups in the area. See the next **Currents** for full details.

## Election Calendar/ Voter Registration

Please note the calendar and announcement from the Election Board in the Rapid River News concerning the upcoming tribal election. pages 6 & 7

## Warriors Society Updates

The Warrior Society has several announcements:

- They wish to acknowledge tribal descendents currently serving in a combat zone as well as tribal citizens from LRBOI. Please contact the Warrior Society with your information.
- The new Warriors Society Ordinance is on the approved Ordinances website, under chapter 700, Title 09 [www.lrboi.com](http://www.lrboi.com)
- Next meeting is December 4th at the Aki Maadiziwin Community Center

## Muskegon Project

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) has announced the launch of a website, *Muskegon Jobs Now*, viewable and searchable at <http://muskegonjobsnow.com>. The new website provides a comprehensive overview of the economic benefits that a proposed casino at the former Great Lakes Downs racetrack in Fruitport Township would provide the residents of Muskegon County and the state of Michigan. In addition, the website provides supporters an opportunity to check on the status of the project and contact legislators.

## Work Search Computer!

The Commerce Department's Workforce Development Program has had a computer installed for job search and career-related activities at the Commerce Dept., 294 River Street. The computer may be used by any Tribal Citizen or Descendant and they must be signed up with the Workforce Development Program. The department also maintains a hard copy Job Postings Book at the workstation for all job postings through Tribal Government and LRCR, as well as other job resource information.

## Trading Post logowear!

We are proud to announce that our logo apparel is now available online. You may go to [www.baysupplyinc.com](http://www.baysupplyinc.com) and on the left side of the page click on Little River Trading Post and place your order. Payment is via Credit Card and your order will be shipped directly to your door step. Also check back we are always adding new things to order. Thank you and Happy Holidays from all of us at the Trading Post.

## Opportunity for Training

Attention !!! The tribal government recently created a partnership with Occidental Chemical Corporation in Ludington, Michigan to identify those Tribal members that may be seeking current opportunities and up to 40 new positions by the year 2014 in the Maintenance profession with welding and electrical backgrounds.

We will be working closely with workforce development to identify those parties who are interested in obtaining the required training and schooling to get into their apprenticeship programs and other training in welding and electrical through schools such as West Shore Community College and other certification institutions.

If you know of anybody interested in pursuing this career opportunity or who may be qualified for the current position, please forward their resume and information to our HR department or Dave Hawley in workforce development. If any individual needs more information or needs help in formatting a resume, our Workforce Development department will assist in that process.

## Children's Christmas Party Announced!

Please mark your calendar and register your children for this special event:

When: Sunday December 5th  
Time: 11 AM to 3 PM  
Where: LRCR New Events Center

To register please call  
231-723-8288 or toll free 888-723-8288 and ask for:

Angie Stone - Ext 6829  
Mary Thomas - Ext 6824  
Deadline date for Registration: 5 PM Wednesday November 24<sup>th</sup>

**(Registration is required for children to participate in this event as we need to have an accurate count of who will attend. Failure to register will result in your children not receiving a gift.)**  
The party is open to Tribal and descendent children

## Kateri Circle

*"I don't think that anybody anywhere can talk about the future of their people or of an organization without talking about education. Whoever controls the education of our children controls our future, the future of the Cherokee people, and of the Cherokee Nation."*

Wilma P. Mankiller, CHEROKEE

The world has changed in the last 50 years. It will change even more in the next 50 years, and it will change even faster. We must educate ourselves to ensure our future generations will maintain the language and the culture of our people. We need to be concerned about our land because when our land goes away, so will our people. We need to be concerned about leadership, our families, and about alcoholism. We need to be concerned about what's going on around the world. We can only do this by being educated. Then we can control our future.

*Great Spirit, please guide our children;  
let me know how I can help*

### Commissions/Committees:

The following commissions have current openings.

Gaming Commission	2 openings
Health Commission	2 openings
Binojeeuk	2 openings
LRCR Board	1 opening for an elected official
All other commission seats available have been filled.	

## Traditional Healer

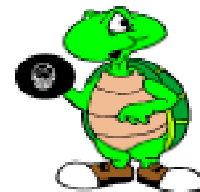
### J. D. Gibson

will be in Manistee on December 7<sup>th</sup>. IHS eligible Native Americans may schedule appointments by contacting Julie Wolfe at Be Da Bin Behavioral Health at 231.398-6740. Be Da Bin also invites everyone to join them in a feast from 11:30 to 1 p.m. to show our appreciation to the Healer. The feast will be held at the old Community Center, by the Admin building.

### HIS & HERS GOOD

#### FELLOWSHIP AA GROUP

has been moved to the Aki Community Center at 2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung, Manistee. That is at the corner of Dontz Rd. and Shaw Be Quo-Ung (Aki Housing area). The group still meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening.



### Wii Bowling for Elders

The CHRs from Tribal Health are holding *Wii* bowling for the Elders at the Community Center on Wednesday afternoons at 1 p.m. The fun game is really taking off and they hope to add more days as more and more people sign up. For more information, contact your CHR or Tribal Health.

## Family Services

### Domestic Violence Advisory Committee

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Family Services, Domestic Violence Program invites native women to help form and serve on an advisory committee to help address the issues and barriers for women who may be in an abusive relationship or are trying to seek help to get out of an abusive relationship. The advisory committee will address domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking. Domestic violence affects each of our lives. It extends to all socioeconomic groups, ethnicities, and genders. If you feel that it has surpassed you, look closely in your workplace, neighborhood or church congregation.

Violence against Native women is a substantial public health problem today. In the largest ever survey of its kind, the 2008 CDC report on health and violence found that 39% of Native women surveyed identified as victims of intimate partner violence (IPV) in their lifetime, a rate higher than any other race or ethnicity surveyed. During a three year span, homicide was the third leading cause of death for Native women. Of the Native women murdered 75% were killed by a family member, an acquaintance, or someone they knew. Lastly, 17% of Alaskan Native and American Indian women will be stalked during their lifetime. (Brenda Hill, SDCADVSA).

#### Who should serve on an advisory committee?

**Survivors:** Women who are survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence or stalking can draw on their personal experience to identify the gaps in service in our community. They can also help identify gaps in services or barriers to victims trying to access services in our community.

**Victim Advocates:** Women who have a history of providing assistance to American Indian or Alaskan Native Women who are victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence or stalking.

**Women who are committed to ending violence against women:** Must have a willingness to participate in education and training to increase your understanding of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking.

**This Volunteer opportunity requires that you be willing and able to meet together on a regular basis to discuss issues related to violence against women in our communities.**

**Please call Angie McNally, Family Services, Domestic Violence Program Coordinator 231-398-6723**

## All Singers & Drummers

If you are interested in learning about our tribal songs and drumming, a group has formed to practice on Wednesdays. Please feel free to call Bill Memberto at 398-6728 regarding this effort.





*Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaá Aníshinaábek*  
**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS**  
*ELECTION BOARD*  
**375 River Street**  
**Manistee, MI 49660**  
**(231) 723-8288**  
**Announcement of General Election**

Date of Election: April 29, 2011

Offices to be Elected: Office of Tribal Ogema  
Office of Tribal Council – Nine County District (three seats)  
Office of Tribal Council – At-Large District (one seat)  
Office of Election Board (two seats)  
Office of Appellate Court Judge (one seat)

Procedures for Establishing Candidacy  
*For Candidates for the Office of Tribal Ogema* – To run for the Office of Tribal Ogema, a Tribal member must obtain, complete, and submit a Declaration of Candidacy packet during the period listed in the Election Calendar, below.

*For Candidates for the Office of Tribal Council – Nine County District and At-Large District* – To run for the Office of Tribal Council in the Nine County District or the At-Large District, a Tribal member must obtain, complete, and submit a Declaration of Candidacy packet during the period listed in the Election Calendar, below.

*For Candidates for the Office of Election Board --* To run for the Election Board, a Tribal member must obtain, complete, and submit a Declaration of Candidacy packet during the period listed in the Election Calendar, below.

*For Candidates for the Office of Appellate Court Judge --* To run for the Office of Tribal Appellate Court Judge, a prospective candidate must obtain, complete, and submit a Declaration of Candidacy packet during the period listed in the Election Calendar, below.

<u>Election Calendar</u>	
Declaration of Candidacy Packets available.....	November 1
Declaration of Candidacy Packets due.....	December 3
Slate of Candidates certified.....	December 10
Last day to withdraw candidacy.....	December 17
Ballots mailed out for Primary.....	January 10
Ballots due and Primary Election Day.....	February 11
Deadline for Primary Election Challenges.....	February 18
Ballots mailed.....	March 28
Ballots due and Election Day.....	April 29
Deadline for petitions for recount.....	May 6
Deadline for election challenges.....	May 6

The Primary Election will be conducted by secret mail ballot. The homes of registered voters shall be designated as polls for voting purposes. You must be a registered voter with current mailing information on file with the Enrollment Department to receive a ballot. The ballot counting will be held at the Little River Community Center on U.S. 31 in Manistee, MI. Ballot counting process begins at 12:00 pm.

The General Election will be conducted by secret mail ballot and a central polling place. The homes of registered voters shall be designated as polls for voting purposes. You must be a registered voter with current mailing information on file with the Enrollment Department to receive a ballot. The central polling place will be located at the Little River Community Center on U.S. 31 in Manistee, MI. The hours for the polling place will be 10 am until 6 pm on April 29, 2011.

A copy of the Election Board Office Hours from November 1, 2010 through December 3, 2010 has been included in this mailing.

**Please note:** In accordance with the Election Board Regulations chapter 2, section 1(d): “If Voter Registration Form is not received by the Election Board 56 calendar days before an election, the eligible voter will not be registered to vote in that election.”

Deadline for voter registration applications to be in to the Election Board are:  
**December 17, 2010 for the Primary Election (if necessary); and**  
**March 4, 2011 for the Regular Election.**

The Election Board is not responsible for the failure of an eligible voter to complete the registration requirements by the prescribed deadlines.

Election Board Office Hours Nov./Dec. 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1 pm to 5 pm	2 10 am to 2 pm	3 10 am to 2 pm Muskegon Office	4 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm Muskegon Office 1 pm to 5 pm Manistee	5 1 pm to 5 pm	6
7	8 10 am to 2 pm	9 10 am to 2 pm Muskegon Office  1 pm to 5 pm Manistee	10  11 am to 3 pm	11  <b>Closed for Veteran’s Day</b>	12  10 am to 2 pm	13
14	15 10 am to 2 pm	16 10 am to 2 pm Muskegon Office	17 12 pm to 3:30 pm	18 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm Muskegon Office	19 11 am to 3 pm	20
21	22 12 pm to 4 pm	23 1 pm to 5 pm	24  <b>Closed</b>	25  <b>for</b>	26  <b>Thanksgiving</b>	27
28	29 10 am to 2 pm Muskegon Office  11 am to 3 pm Manistee	30 1 pm to 5 pm Muskegon Office	Dec. 1 1 pm to 5 pm	2 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm Muskegon Office  11 am to 3 pm Manistee	3 10 am to 5 pm	4

**The Election Board Office is located in the Old Community Center on South US 31 in Manistee.**